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Claims 46, 49-51, 53, 56-62, 65 and 89 are pending in this application.

There are two separate Interference decisions involving this application, wherein each decision was against the junior party Bach. The final result is that all the claims in Bach et al. (U.S. Patent 7,238,469) are canceled. See the Interference Decision of 7/14/2008 (Paper 42), Errata of 7/15/2008 (Paper 43), and Interference Decision of 7/6/2011 (Paper 9).

In view of the cancellation of all the claims in Bach et al. (U.S. Patent 7,238,469), applicant's claims 46, 49-51, 53, 56-62, 65 and 89 are now deemed allowable.

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